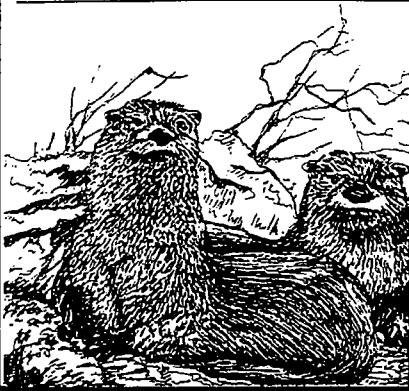


# Ponderosa State Park General Development Plan



## **The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation mission as defined by the Idaho Legislature**

To formulate and put into execution a long-range, comprehensive plan and program for the acquisition, planning, protection, operation, maintenance, development and wise use of areas of scenic beauty, recreational utility, historic, archaeological or scientific interest, to the end that the health, happiness, recreational opportunities, and wholesome enjoyment of life of the people may be further encouraged.

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## A GREETING TO READERS

The document before you is the final draft of the Ponderosa State Park General Development Plan. It represents the combined input and effort of many concerned and knowledgeable individuals, all dedicated to the preservation of the parks resources and the satisfaction of its visitors.

Early in the planning process, I found that an almost "symbiotic" relationship exists between Ponderosa State Park, Payette Lake, and the city of McCall. Consequently, the study of a single entity would be incomplete without a corresponding understanding of the others. In response, the scope of this document has been expanded to include an overview of the recreational opportunities and challenges facing not only the park, but the community and its exceptional water resource.

There are two major differences between this document and the preliminary draft; the presentation format and

the level of detail depicted in the conceptual land-use plans.

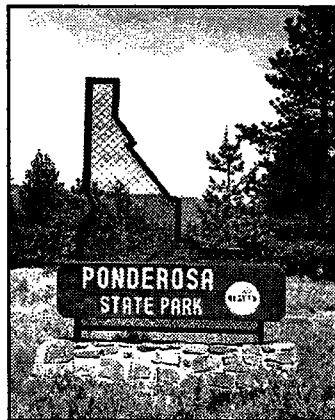
As to format, I initially appreciated the artistic freedom offered by the original 11" x 17" layout; however in actual use it proved to be impractical and cumbersome. This awkwardness was eliminated by the adoption of the present 8-1/2" x 11" format.

As the process unfolded, it became evident that the conceptual plans presented in the preliminary draft contained an excessive level of speculative detail. This proved to be counterproductive; it unintentionally encouraged reviewers to shift the focus of their analysis and comment. Topics of regional and park-wide significance became secondary to a premature debate centering on the merits of specific details of site design. These issues must eventually be addressed to the satisfaction of all concerned; but this is not the time or place. As a result of this experience, the conceptual plans now appear in the form of "bubble-diagrams", and provide a reduced level of detail more appropriate for presentation in a general planning document.

I have attempted to present the material in an interesting, graphic and easy-to read manner; not only to depict the what and where, but to also explain the why and how. I am confident that the end result is a document that reflects this agency's continuing effort to improve and refine both its planning process and products.

*David F. Okerlund*

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IDPR Development Planner



*Sign at entrance to  
Ponderosa State Park.*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) has presented to this Board for approval the final draft of the General Development Plan (GDP) for Ponderosa State Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the actions proposed in this document reflect a reasoned synthesis of input received from the general public, the Ponderosa GDP Citizens Advisory Committee, the IDPR Ponderosa GDP Planning Team, Ponderosa State Park staff, and agencies of state and local government; and

**WHEREAS**, the preliminary draft of the plan was presented to, and favorably received by, the Idaho Park and Recreation Board during its work session held in Boise on February 4, 1993; and

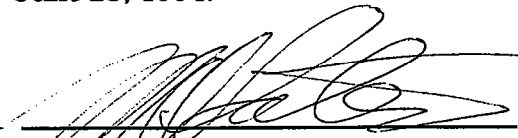
**WHEREAS**, a brochure summarizing the principle concepts and proposals to be included in the final draft plan, and an opportunity for final review and comment were available to the public during all-day open houses held in McCall on December 7, 1993 and in Boise on December 14, 1993; and


**WHEREAS**, the concepts and proposals to be outlined in the plan were reviewed and approved, subject to some modification, by the Valley County Board of County Commissioners, the McCall City Council, the McCall Planning and Zoning Commission and the McCall Parks and Recreation Department subsequent to their presentation to meetings of these bodies held in McCall on April 25, 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, the concepts and proposals to be outlined in the final document were reviewed and approved at the regular meeting of the Idaho Park and Recreation Board at their meeting in McCall, April 29, 1994, and

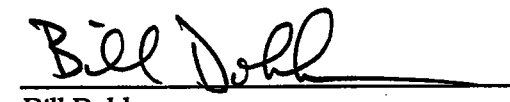
**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that the final draft of the Ponderosa GDP supports the mission of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation as defined by the Idaho Legislature by presenting long-range acquisition, development and management direction that will provide for the optimum use and enjoyment of the park while safeguarding its qualities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho Park and Recreation Board approves the General Development Plan for Ponderosa State Park dated June 23, 1994.

  
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